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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING)	Examiner: Luan V. Van
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)	
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR)	
DEVICES)	

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RESPONSE TO AUGUST 10, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.